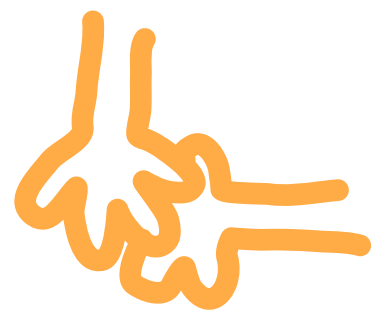




# Terre des hommes Hellas: Action for children with children



Annual report 2024





The annual report of Terre des hommes Hellas for 2024 is available in Greek and in English at [tdh.gr](http://tdh.gr).

Terre des hommes Hellas represents in Greece the Terre des hommes Foundation which was founded in 1960 in Lausanne and since then has been one of the leading child protection organisations worldwide. Learn about its work in 2024 around the world by scanning the QR code:



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# Overview

Terre des hommes Hellas (Tdh Hellas) is a child rights organization dedicated to systemic change through child participation, capacity building, and advocacy. Since 2016, it has been working in Greece to strengthen child protection, access to justice, and social care systems, officially establishing itself as a Greek NGO in 2018.

### Our thematic priorities:

-  Child protection and safeguarding
-  Children and young people on the move
-  Access to justice for children and young people

In 2024, Tdh Hellas continued its innovative work in access to justice, child protection, and child participation. We strengthened our focus on capacity building, training professionals on child protection methodologies and restorative justice practices. We implemented awareness and empowerment activities in schools using participatory methodologies and creative tools to address school violence, gender-based violence, and child offending. We further amplified children's voices through their active involvement in project design and decision-making, including the co-creation of digital tools and participation in Children's Advisory Boards (CABs).

**986**  
 people benefited directly from our programmes in 2024

**643**  
 professionals trained in various child protection areas, enhancing their capacity to support children.

**343**  
 children benefited from our projects, receiving protection, education, and psychosocial support.



## Introductory note

### *Upholding Children's Rights in Challenging Times: Our Commitment in 2025*

In 2024, **Terre des hommes Hellas** remained steadfast in its commitment to protecting and empowering children in Greece, even as global developments cast shadows over human rights and child protection. Despite ongoing challenges—including the persistent impacts of displacement, social inequality, and systemic gaps in support—our team worked with creativity, compassion, and determination to uphold the rights of children and young people.

This year, we deepened our impact across all our thematic priorities: from **promoting restorative justice** through the **i-RESTORE 2.0** and **i-Access My Rights** projects, to fostering trauma-informed support for refugee children through capacity building of professionals implementing community-based psychosocial interventions. We launched new initiatives, like **INTACT** on strengthening resilience of children through adventure sports and nature, and sustained our commitment to child participation, ensuring that young people remained at the heart of our programmes. Our staff trained hundreds of professionals nationwide, while our work in schools empowered students and educators to **challenge gender-based norms** and build inclusive communities. Notably, Tdh Hellas also contributed its safeguarding expertise to the strategic partnership between the Terre des hommes Foundation and UEFA, helping to shape **safer environments for children in sport**.

As we reflect on the year, we are reminded that significant gaps remain in ensuring that all children are protected across the environments they live, learn, and grow in. From schools and sports clubs to online spaces and private institutions, the need to build strong, meaningful **child safeguarding mechanisms is more urgent than ever**. Looking ahead to 2025, Terre des hommes Hellas is committed to supporting civil society organisations, local authorities, and private sector actors in designing and implementing safeguarding policies and practices that truly make a difference. Our work is made possible by an outstanding interdisciplinary team of professionals—lawyers, psychologists, social scientists, and communications experts—who bring our values to life in the public space and advocate for real change in children’s lives. Alongside them, our dedicated colleagues in finance, human resources, and logistics ensure a strong organisational foundation that sustains our mission.

*“Our vision remains clear: every child deserves protection, dignity, and a voice”*

We close this year with pride and a renewed sense of purpose. In a world where children’s rights are too often tested, our vision remains clear: every child deserves protection, dignity, and a voice. We look ahead with hope—fueled by the resilience of the children we work with, the strength of our partnerships, and our unwavering belief in systemic change.



**Leda Avgousti**

Head of Tdh County Office in Greece

# Child protection



## Challenging social and gender norms to reduce violence against children in school



Terre des hommes Hellas, as a child protection organisation, is committed to empowering children and the professionals who work alongside them. In 2024, we continued implementing the CARING project in schools across Athens, promoting safer and more inclusive environments for young people. Through interactive classroom workshops, awareness-raising activities, and creative initiatives, we engaged students in challenging harmful social and gender-based stereotypes and empowered them to take positive action within their communities. At the same time, we supported teachers and school staff through targeted trainings and provided opportunities for meetings with parents, recognising their crucial role in fostering gender equality and non-violence in the school environment.

The transnational CARING project, implemented in Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, and Croatia, aims to understand, prevent, and reduce gender-based violence among young people in school environments.



Over **490** individuals, including more than **100 children**, benefited from awareness-raising, training, and educational activities



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## Our milestones for 2024

1. **Student Training:** 101 students were trained to recognise and address school violence, taking initiatives to promote inclusion.
2. **Teacher Training:** 135 teachers received practical tools to create a safe school environment.
3. **Parental Support:** 87 parents participated in workshops on violence prevention and strengthening their role in supporting their children.
4. **Online Outreach:** More than 150 participants (teachers, parents, students, and professionals) attended a webinar, gaining practical tools to prevent gender-based violence in schools and promote a non-violent culture. The session focused on equipping children with the skills to respond safely to incidents and support each other.
5. **Creative Activities:** Students expressed their experiences through theatre performances, posters, and videos, helping to spread awareness within the school community.



Find useful material on addressing gender-based violence in schools



# Children and young people on the move

## Promoting the mental health and psychosocial well-being of refugee children and their caregivers through lay professionals in response to the displacement crisis caused by the war in Ukraine



Implemented from November 2022 to October 2024, the Well-U project aimed to enhance the capacity of professionals and community members working with refugee children and caregivers, particularly those displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. By promoting evidence-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) methodologies, the project addressed critical mental health needs through training and the application of four community-based approaches: ReachNow, Team Up, Movement, Games, Sports, and Creativity (MGSC), and Problem Management Plus (PM+).

### Our Impact

- **Professionals & Community Members Trained in Greece:** 48 participants across four trainings on PM+, MGSC, and ReachNow methodologies.
- **Focus Groups & Roundtable Discussions:** Two focus group discussions and one roundtable were held to contextualise PM+ methodology in Greek Context.
- **International Training:** 50 professionals and people with refugee status from Romania, Hungary, and Lithuania trained by Terre des hommes Hellas staff in three international PM+ trainings.



*“What I valued most was the chance to put what we learned into practice immediately. The training helped me recognise personal challenges, seek guidance, and build confidence in how I support others.*”

*It also gave me clarity about my professional path and strengthened my role as a first point of contact in our organisation. Now, I feel more prepared to respond to each beneficiary’s unique situation—whether they need to connect with our MHPSS team, understand what support is available, or simply need someone calm and present during an emotional moment.”*

**Oleksandra, 27, PM+ training participant (Well-U project), Ukrainian refugee living in Athens, Greece. Interpreter & Cultural Mediator**

## Methodologies

In this section you will find basic information about the specialized methodologies applied by the staff of Tdh Hellas, aiming at the holistic psychosocial support and protection of children.

**Movement, Games, Sports and Creativity (MGSC):** It is a methodology that uses sport, games and creativity as a psychosocial tool to develop the personal and social skills of children aged 4 to 14 years old who may have experienced adverse childhood experiences, and aims to improve their resilience and psychosocial well-being through group action. The tool can be applied by professionals who work with children on a daily basis (social workers, teachers, animators, coaches, etc.).

**ReachNow:** a proactive case identification tool designed to facilitate the identification of children aged 6 to 18 in need of mental healthcare or with protection needs and encourage help-seeking. ReachNow is made up of illustrated case stories depicting culturally relevant examples of childhood psychological distress and family-related problems. The illustrations are paired with a simple decision diagram to allow trained community members to identify children and families in need of support and encourage them to seek for further support.

**Problem Management Plus (PM+):** a brief, low-intensity, transdiagnostic, psychological intervention developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), targeted to adults (aged 16+) impaired by distress in communities who are exposed to adversity. During PM+ session beneficiaries learn how to manage practical problems, reduce stress and anxiety, improve their mood, and strengthen their social support through evidence-based techniques. The PM+ strategy has been extensively tested through rigorous scientific studies and implemented across diverse cultural contexts.

**Learn more about our expertise on PM+**



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# Children and young people on the move

## Addressing the mental health needs of migrants and refugees through the dissemination of community-based methodologies for psychosocial support.

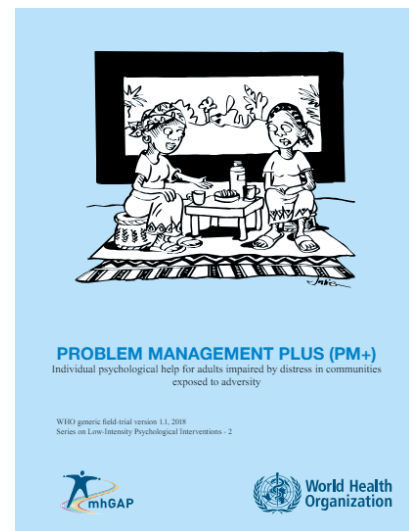


In 2024, the **STEP-iN** project came to a successful close, marking an important step forward in expanding access to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for vulnerable migrant communities across Europe. Implemented in Greece, Italy, and Romania, the project aimed to strengthen the capacity of professionals working with migrant populations—particularly those without a formal background in mental health—by equipping them with practical, low-intensity tools grounded in evidence-based methodologies.

At the heart of the project was Problem Management Plus (PM+), a scalable MHPSS intervention developed by the WHO, which was promoted as a flexible and accessible approach for frontline professionals & people with refugee status. Terre des hommes Hellas played a key role in this effort, delivering trainings and facilitating community discussions to support the emotional well-being of refugees, asylum seekers, and other individuals affected by displacement and the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project also engaged educators, cultural mediators, and community workers, helping to include mental health and psychosocial care across a range of local support systems.



**60 professionals and people with refugee status trained in MHPSS methodologies**



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# Children and young people on the move

## **INTACT - Inclusive Trauma Informed Care Adventure Therapy Activities for refugee children and youth in Greece.**



Launched in September 2024, the INTACT project is led by Terre des hommes Hellas and focuses on supporting the mental health and psychosocial well-being of refugee and migrant children and youth in Greece. In collaboration with KMOP and Adventure Therapy, the project introduces a trauma-informed, nature-based therapy programme designed to respond to the emotional needs of children affected by displacement.

Through pilot activities, the project promotes children's resilience and social inclusion using outdoor therapeutic practices. It also trains sports coaches and community professionals on trauma-informed approaches, helping them create safe, supportive environments for young people. At the same time, INTACT works to raise awareness among professionals and the wider community about the importance of integrating trauma-sensitive care into child-focused services.



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# Access to justice

## Accessible quality Restorative Justice practices for children in contact with the law



The i-RESTORE 2.0 project, completed in December 2024, aimed to make restorative practices more accessible and child-friendly for children in contact with the law — both victims and those suspected or accused of a crime. Building on the foundations of the first i-RESTORE project (2019–2021), this second phase focused on strengthening the capacities of professionals, empowering children to take an active role in restorative justice, and raising awareness of the importance of these approaches at national and EU levels.

### Impact in Greece

Terre des hommes Hellas implemented a series of activities to promote restorative approaches and improve children's access to justice in meaningful, child-sensitive ways:

- **174** children participated in awareness-raising and empowerment workshops on restorative practices and their rights in the justice system.
- **40** professionals — including social workers, legal professionals, educators, and child protection staff — received specialised training on applying restorative justice principles in their work with children.
- **74** adults, such as caregivers, professionals and community members, took part in activities aimed at raising awareness about restorative approaches and how they can support children's well-being and reintegration.

i-RESTORE 2.0 was led by Terre des hommes Romania and implemented in partnership with Terre des hommes Regional Hub in Hungary, Terre des hommes Hellas, European Forum for Restorative Justice (Belgium), Restorative Justice Netherlands, HALT (Netherlands), and Social Insurance Board (Estonia).



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## What is restorative justice?

“Restorative justice is an approach that addresses harm or the risk of harm by engaging all those affected to reach an agreement on how to restore the harm and achieve justice. It is an approach that focuses on the needs of the victim and the motives of the offender, involving the local community where possible. It facilitates the prevention of harm and ensures that people are responsible for their choices and actions, with all parties involved actively participating together in resolving the issues arising from the unjust act.”

**Panagiota Kanellopoulou**, Access to Justice Project Coordinator

## Our highlights

“**Step into Our Shoes**” – A fun and interactive quiz created by the students of class G2 from the 2nd High School of Haidari! This gameshow designed by the students, inspired by the popular TV show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.” In the original version, teachers were the contestants while students took on the roles of hosts and presenters.

Find the online version [here](#):



We had the opportunity to work with students from public schools and create restorative justice **awareness campaigns** that we shared on our social networks!

We had the opportunity to present our work on **restorative and child friendly justice** on ERT, one of Greece’s leading TV channels (national), during the successful show Proian se eidon.



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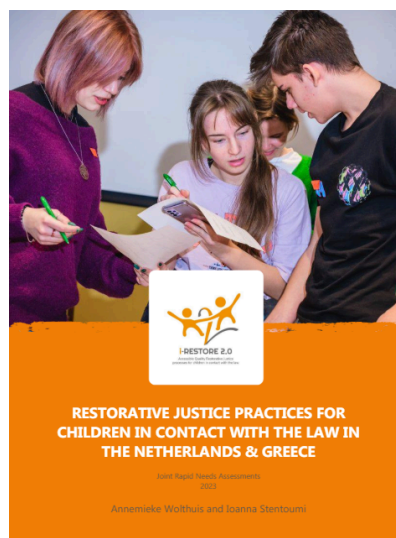


## Why choose restorative justice?

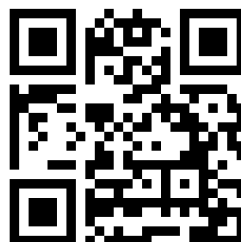
“Restorative justice enables the victim of a crime to meet and communicate with the offender if both parties wish to do so. The victim is empowered and given a voice, while the offender can take responsibility and make amends. Rather than aiming for punishment, restorative justice gives all parties involved the opportunity to process what happened and express their feelings and experiences. With restorative justice, everyone is included and involved - the victim heals, the perpetrator is reintegrated and the balance of the community is restored, with lower recidivism rates.”

**Maria Vlavianou**, Project Officer of Access to Justice Programmes

## Our publications



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# Access to justice

## i-Access My Rights: 'Smart' justice for children, with the aid of artificial intelligence



Completed in December 2024, the i-Access My Rights project aimed to improve access to child-friendly information and information about legal assistance for child victims involved in criminal proceedings. By promoting a digital, AI-powered solution based on Natural Language Processing (NLP), the project sought to bridge gaps in digital justice through a tool designed with and for children.


Central to the project was the involvement of Child Advisory Boards, ensuring that the voices and insights of children shaped the tool's development from the ground up. The project targeted professionals, policymakers, and children aged 14–18 across Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria, with the goal of sharing its impact and methodology at the European level.


### Impact in Greece

- **131 children** participated in awareness-raising activities and consultations about their rights and role in legal procedures.
- **15 professionals** received specialised training focused on digital justice and child-friendly communication.
- An additional **58 professionals** engaged in awareness-raising sessions and project dissemination activities, contributing to a broader dialogue on making justice systems more accessible for children.



The chatbot was designed together with children, professionals and academics - Available on our website!

 Hello there! 🌟 I'm a friendly artificial intelligence chatbot here to help you with questions. I'm not a real person, but a kind of super smart computer program. Just like you learn from your lessons at school, I have learned a lot of things by reading and practicing. You can ask me questions about children's rights and available support services. When you ask something, I give answers based only on the information that was provided by my human creators.

 Hello, I am being bullied in my school. What can I do?

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# Access to justice

## Empowering parents of children in conflict with the law through mental health and psychosocial support



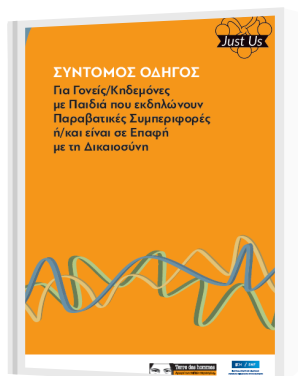
Implemented from January 2023 to February 2024, the **Just-Us project** aimed to fill a crucial gap in Greece's child protection landscape: the lack of psychosocial support for parents and guardians of children in contact with the criminal justice system. Led by Terre des hommes Hellas, in collaboration with the Self-Help Promotion Programme of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and with the support of Juvenile Probation Services, the project focused on empowering caregivers and creating a framework for sustainable, community-based support.

The intervention centred on two main components:

- Empowerment groups, which offered a safe space for parents to enhance their parenting skills, strengthen the parent-child relationship, and support their own mental and emotional wellbeing.
- Community support and advocacy, with a long-term goal of forming self-organised peer networks for mutual aid, solidarity, and knowledge exchange.

### Impact

- 44 parents and caregivers participated in structured empowerment sessions and group activities.
- 17 professionals were trained to support the facilitation of these interventions and to promote a more inclusive and responsive social care framework.
- Meaningful friendships and informal support networks were formed among participants, contributing to lasting peer support systems that extended beyond the life of the project.



Read here the short guide published under the project.



The project is implemented by donation from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.



## Advocacy

In 2024, Terre des hommes Hellas continued its efforts to promote and defend the rights of all children in Greece. We engaged in joint advocacy with other civil society actors to raise awareness, influence policies, and improve child protection systems.

### **Key actions included:**

- A joint press release addressing school violence, calling for stronger preventive measures and better support in schools.
- A joint letter responding to the National Implementation Plan of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, expressing concerns about its implications for child protection.
- A joint statement urging the resumption of cash assistance to asylum seekers in Greece, highlighting the impact of its suspension on vulnerable children and families.
- A joint statement addressed to the Greek Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, encouraging the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OPIC).
- A joint statement on the need to better safeguard unaccompanied children at EU borders, especially within the framework of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum.
- A joint letter advocating for the public disclosure of contact details for Child Protection Offices (“Children’s Houses”), to make these services safer to children and families.

## Partnerships

**Partners:** Adventure Therapy, Association Roditeli Bulgaria, Brave Phone Croatia, Centro Penc, European Forum for Restorative Justice, HALT, HERA Center, Jesuit Refugee Service Romania, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, KMOP, Lawren.io, Noldus, Restorative Justice Netherland, Social Activities and Practice Institute (SAPI), Social Insurance Board, SOS Children’s Villages International, SOS Children’s Villages Italy, Terre des hommes Hungary, Terre des hommes Romania, War Child Holland.

## Transparency

At Terre des hommes Hellas, we place great emphasis on the transparency of our actions and funding. In more detail:

- We work with an external firm of chartered accountants for annual audits.
- We publish on our website our annual financial reports, program reports as well as our internal regulations and codes of values.
- Available on our website are also all the documents of incorporation of the organization in Greece such as GEMI decisions & Articles of Association
- We are members of the national registers of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum as well as in the Public Database of the Ministry of Interior.
- We apply internal controls by the international department of Terre des hommes.



# Child safeguarding

Since 2024, Terre des hommes Hellas has been offering specialised training and support services in the development of Child Safeguarding Policies and Protocols. These services are tailored to meet the specific needs of each organisation—whether it be a civil society organisation or a private sector company—ensuring that all entities working with children can provide a safe and protective environment.

**Our training and policy development services are designed for:**

Child protection organisations, sports clubs, companies working directly with children, schools of all levels, summer camps and other child-focused institutions.

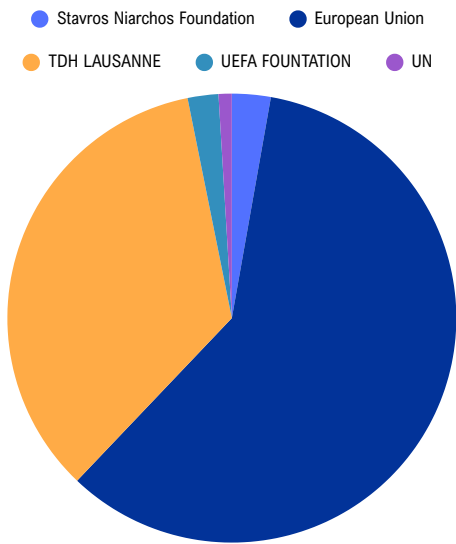
**Why choose Terre des hommes Hellas?**

Terre des hommes Hellas brings extensive experience in the development and implementation of child safeguarding protocols at both national and international levels. As a core safeguarding partner of UEFA, we have been providing consulting and training services on child safeguarding for the past six years, helping shape safer environments for children playing football across Europe. Our expertise ensures that organisations not only meet international safeguarding standards but also create meaningful and lasting protections for the children they serve.

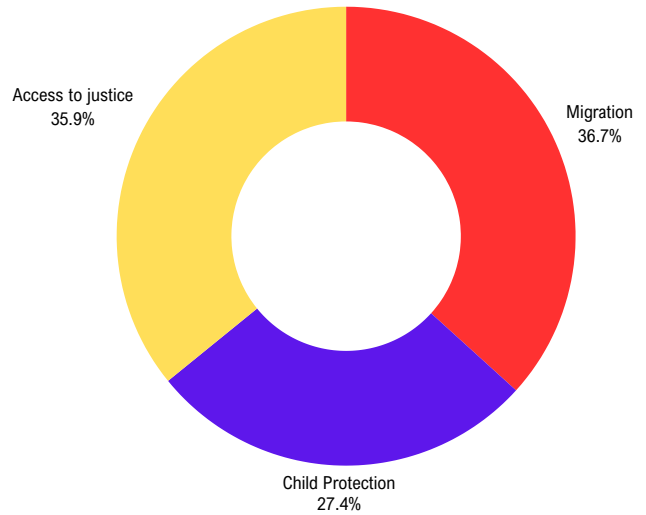


# Funding

2024 resource allocation per donor, in EUR



2024 resource allocation by thematic priority








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***Every child has a right  
to a childhood.  
It's that simple.***



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